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3) REPAYMENT OF THE CREDITS WOULD BE DIRECTLY FROM THE GUARANTEEING GOVERNMENT TO THE US GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN WOULD HOWEVER HAVE TITLE OF OWNERSHIP FOR ALL EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER FMS CRDDIT ARRANGEMENTS AND WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO OBSERVE ALL CONDITIONS IMPOSED UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED.

4) THE GUARANTEEING STATE WOULD AGREE TO FINANCE EITHER A SPECIFIC LIST OF EQUIPMENT DRAWN FROM THE ITEMS PROPOSED FOR FY 1975 FMS CREDIT FINANCING (ATTACHED), OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO FINANCE A DOLLAR LEVEL OF FMS CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TO PURCHASES FROM THAT LIST OF EQUIPMENT OR FROM MUTUALLY AGREED SUBSTITUTIONS.

5) THE FMS CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE US GOVERNMENT AND THE APPROPRIATE FINANCING STATE, PURSUANT TO TERMS SPECIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT.

C) MY GOVERNMENT HOPES THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN WILL AGREE THAT THE ABOVE FORMULATION PROVIDES A SOUND BASIS FOR SEEKING CREDIT FINANCING TO SUPPLEMENT THE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE GRANT AID PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975. IF THESE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR

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EXCELLENCY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT THE ABOVE

ARRANGEMENTS ARE AGREEABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN. END TEXT.

5. BELIEVE LETTER SHOULD BE SENT WITHIN NEAR FUTURE SO AS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT STATE OF JORDANIAN SATISFACTION REGARDING US ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING KING HUSSEIN'S RECENT US VISIT. AMBASSADOR HAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN GENERAL TERMS WITH KING HUSSEIN AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TERMS WITH PRIME MINISTER.

6. IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT GENERAL UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE CREDIT GUARANTEE BEING SOUGHT WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO REGULAR SUBSIDIES, THE ABOVE LETTER IS FRAMED IN THOSE TERMS. HOWEVER, WE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER A LESS RIGID FORMULATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW GUARANTEEING GOVERNMENT TO WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE USG UNDER A FORMULATION WHERE ADDITIONLITY WOULD OCCUR BUT IN SOMEWHAT LESS CLEAR-CUT FORM. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, IN PARAGRAPH B 1) THE FINAL PHRASE BEGINNING QUOTE AND BE IN ADDITION TO ETC. UNQUOTE MIGHT BE DELETED.
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